Chinese Scholar or Japanese PagodaTree

Styphnolobium japonicum formerly Sophora japonica

This graceful tree is one of the largest Chinese Scholar trees in Washington State. A member of the family Leguminosae, it produces white flowers in late summer. This was the tree traditionally planted on the graves of Chinese scholars. A diagnostic is that the bruised twigs are stinky.

This one is estimated to be about 90 years old and serves as a specimen gateway tree to Cal Anderson Park.



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Owner: Cal Anderson Park

Address: SE cnr. E Denny and Nagle Place Location: SE cnr. E Denny and Nagle Place Size: 15.91 inch diameter, 60 feet tall

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